

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO SOUTH COVE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, NO. MASS. R-92

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WHEREAS, the property at 25-27 Church Street in the City of Boston is within the area covered by the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to rehabilitate said 25-27 Church Street and it is the Authority's opinion that this rehabilitation is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT:

The South Cove Urban Renewal Plan be and it hereby is modified and amended in the following respects:

(1) by adding on Map 3, Property Map, Exhibit C, designation of 25-27 Church Street (Block 24, Parcel 15) as "property to be acquired" and on Map 5, Disposition Plan, Exhibit E, designation of 25-27 Church Street as "R-8", "residential".

(2) by adding on page 19, in "Land Use and Building Requirements" "Table A: Requirements for Disposition Parcels," a new site designation "R-8," and opposite which designation, adding in the second column, entitled "Permitted Uses": "Housing, Retail, Art or Handicraft#"; in the third column, entitled "Max F.A.R.": "2"; in the fourth column entitled "Minimum Parking Spaces": "Demonstration of Adequacy"; in the fifth column, entitled "Ground Floor Setback": "existing setback."

(3) by adding on page 20 the following footnote: "#Property is to be redeveloped in a manner compatible with the surrounding neighborhood; retail uses to be limited to local or specialty shops. If an acceptable proposal for rehabilitation is not received and carried out within a reasonable time after acquisition, the existing building is to be demolished and the Property sold for new development under appropriate controls to be established by the Authority."



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July 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Hale Champion, Director

SUBJECT: South Cove Project, Mass. R-92  
Urban Renewal Plan Amendment

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SUMMARY: Proposed Amendment to South Cove Urban Renewal Plan to Include the Acquisition and Disposition of 25-27 Church Street

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The City of Boston has indicated that a building it owns at 25-27 Church Street in the Bay Village neighborhood is available for acquisition by the Redevelopment Authority.

This property, originally constructed as a fire house and stable in the days of horse-drawn fire equipment, has most recently been occupied by health and welfare offices of the City and of the Commonwealth and by an American Legion Post. The health and welfare offices have vacated the building and their space is temporarily occupied by a Summerthing participant, the Boston Film Center. The American Legion Post, which uses the building at most once a month and not at all in the summer, still occupies part of the property.

It is in the best interest of the City to put this property, which is in a valuable location, on the tax rolls and to have it occupied by uses consistent with the urban renewal plan for the area. The building is in sound condition and will lend itself to renovation for occupancy by two or more dwelling units.

I recommend, therefore, that the Authority amend the South Cove Urban Renewal Plan to provide for the acquisition and the disposition of this property for residential and related reuse.

An appropriate resolution is attached.